

IN THE  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Roberto Obregon

Confirmation No.: 9171

Application No.: 09/975,452

Examiner: Yoa, Samchuan Cua

Filing Date: 10/11/2001

Group Art Unit: 1733

Title: CONSUMABLE STAPLE REFILL



Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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( ) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
(X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment")  
( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$290	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

Charge \$ 0 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberto Obregon

By

Joseph W. H. Iland

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Date: Dec. 17, 2003

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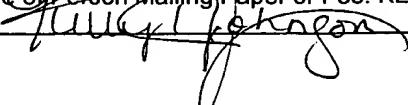
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2003, please enter the following:

The listing of Claims begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.